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DIRECTOR

SUBMITTED: September 19, 2011

MEMORANDUM TO THE DIRECTOR

Information: Natural Resources Commission

Subject: Waters Closed to the Take of Minnows for Personal Use (FO-203)  
FOR INFORMATION ONLY

**Authority**

The Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, authorizes the Director to provide for better protection and preservation of fish, game and birds.

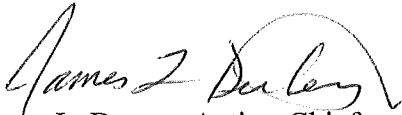
**Discussion and Background**

We are proposing one change to this Order involving the addition of Kent Lake, Livingston and Oakland Counties, and the Huron River upstream of Kent Lake to the Hubbell Millpond Dam, which flows into Kent Lake, and any tributaries flowing into Kent Lake, to the list of inland waters closed to the taking of minnows for personal use. We are requesting these waters to be added due to a recently confirmed outbreak of Koi herpes virus, the first confirmed wild occurrence of this disease in Michigan. Adding Kent Lake to the list will close it to personal harvest of minnow and therefore reduce the likelihood of having anglers spread the virus to other water bodies.

### Recommendation

It is our recommendation to add Kent Lake including the Huron River upstream to the Hubbell Millpond dam in Milford to this Order in an attempt to reduce the potential spread of Koi herpes virus to other waters by minnow collecting anglers. This is a necessary step in trying to contain the virus from spreading to other waters.

This Order is being submitted for information at the October 13, 2011 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This Order will be resubmitted for action at the November 10, 2011 meeting of the Natural Resources Commission. This item appeared on the Department's October 2011 calendar, and will be eligible for approval on November 10, 2011.



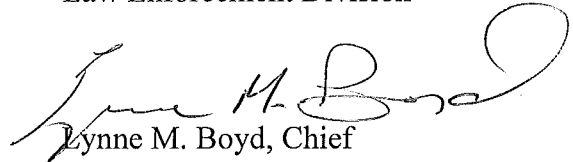
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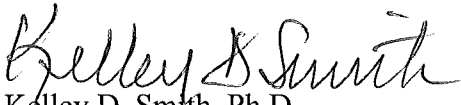
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Acting Natural Resources Deputy

I approve the staff recommendation.

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Rodney A. Stokes, Director

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Date

# **ORDER**

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## **WATERS CLOSED TO THE TAKE OF MINNOWS FOR PERSONAL USE**

Under the authority of sections 48730 of 1994 PA 451, as amended, being MCL 324.48730 the Director of the Department of Natural Resources on November 10, 2011, ordered that for a period not to exceed five years, no person shall take or attempted to take minnows for personal use from the following waters:

Hatlem Creek, a tributary to Glen Lake, Leelanau County.

**Kent Lake including the Huron River upstream to the Hubbell Millpond dam in Milford, Livingston and Oakland Counties.**

This Order shall be assigned number FO-203.12, and is entitled "Waters Closed to the Take of Minnows for Personal Use."

This Order supersedes the Order entitled "Waters Closed to the Take of Minnows for Personal Use," effective on April 1, 2010 and was assigned number FO-203.10.

This Order shall take effect on April 1, 2012. This Order shall remain in effect until March 31, 2017 or until this Order is amended/rescinded, whichever comes first. Although this Order may be reviewed and amended on an annual basis, a review of this Order shall occur no later than August 1, 2016.

Issued on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

Rodney A. Stokes  
Director

The Natural Resources Commission has reviewed this Order.

Timothy L. Nichols  
Chairperson

Deb Whipple  
Executive Secretary